Warner Hindustan (now Parke-Davis) on 24th February, 1987 was returned as the amount recoverable from the company was Rs. 106.36 lakhs and not the aforesaid amount for which the cheque was sent by the company.

(c) and (d) The company deposited Rs. 30.11 lakhs with the Government as their part liability in respect of the overcharged amount during the year 1989-90. The company have since paid another instalment of Rs. 25.38 lakhs on 4th May, 1990.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

(g) Amounts are recoverable from M/s. Merind Limited in respect of Dexamethasone Pure, Dexamethasone 21 Phosphate and the formulations based on the two drugs.

(h) and (i) In view of receipt of complaints to this effect, it has been decided to have a fresh look into the findings of the Special Team and the developments thereafter.

Utilisation of recovered amount

2055. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no provision in Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987 where the amount recovered under provision 14 can be utilised;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that such a provision existed under DPCO, 1979; and

(d) what steps have been taken to incorporate such a provision?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (d) It has been provided in paragraph 14 of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987 that amounts available in the Drugs Prices Equalisation Account or those amounts that would accrue to the said account in future would be utilized for the same purposes as provided under Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979.

Production of drugs from intermediate stage

2056. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 605 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th March, 1990 and state:

(a) what are the names of the producers who are producing Pyrazinamide, Betamethasone, Trimethoprim, Iodochlohydroxy Quinoline and Vitamin from intermediate statges;

(b) what are the names of imported intermediates used by each producer for production of each drug;

(c) what is the cost of production of each drug of each producer from intermediate stage and how it compares with the cost of production from basic stage of each producer;

(d) what is the price fixed for each drug;

(e) the names of the units whose cost of production was studied by BICP stage of manufacture of each and price recommended for each by BICP;

(f) what is the import contents in value of each per unit and what is the percentage of cost of production of each; and

(g) since when each drug is being produced from intermediate stage?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (c), (f) and (g) Vitamin A and Betamethasone are licensed for manufacture from basic

stage. Pyrazinamide, Trimethoprim and Iodochlorohydroxy Quinoline are being produced from basic as well as intermediate stages. Since the number of companies involved are large, time and labour involved in collection and compilation of information regarding stage of manufacture by each, names of imported intermediates used by each, cost production of each etc. will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

(d) and (e) Prices fixed for the drugs in question are:—

Pyrazinamide	—Rs. 1222 per kg.	
Trimethoprim	Rs. 996 per kg.	
Iodochlorohydroxy Quinoline	1. East India	— Rs. 269
	2. Atul	— Rs. 296
	3. Albert David	—Rs. 307
Vitamin A Palmitate (1.7 miu/gm)	—	Rs. 1293/1000 miu
Betamethasone	— (Alcohol)	Rs. 144.19/gm
	(Valerate)	Rs. 136.58/gm
	Disodium	Rs. 144.58/gm

Prices are fixed for the bulk drug as such and not stage-wise.

Prices of Flucort Range Formulations

2057. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) when his Ministry reduced the prices of Flucort range of formulation and what is the percentage reduction pack-wise and strength-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that according to Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987 the formulator has to implement the prices within 15 days of the receipt of order;

(c) if so, what action has been taken under provision 26 of DPCO, 1987 against the company for contravention of provision 16(3);

(d) whether it is also a fact that Government also fixed the prices for these finished medicines under DPCO, 1979 which the company did not implement up-till today; and

(e) if so, what action has been taken under Essential Commodities Act against the company and what steps were taken to safeguard the interests of consumers?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) The requisite information has already been given in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 713 answered on 19th March, 1990.

(b) Yes, sir

(c) The company has been recently asked telegraphically to implement the prices and send the necessary implementation report failing which penal action as provided under Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987 will be initiated against them.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. In June, 1984 the prices of Flucort range of formulations were fixed by the Government under Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979 which the company did not implement. In order to calculate the amount of unintended benefit, the company was asked to furnish the necessary details which were not received despite reminder. On 18.4.1990, the company has been served with a *Show-cause Notice* for initiating penal proceeding against them for not furnishing the requisite information to the Government. The company has since furnished certain details to the Government. However, further action in the matter will be initiated after receiving the complete details from the company.

Solar Pond Projects for power generation

2058. SHRI SURENDER SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have undertaken "Solar Pond Projects" for